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SUBJECT: UDR CANDIDATE WINS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY-
ELECTION

1. AIDED BY OPPOSITION DISUNION, JACQUES LIMOUZY (UDR), SECRETARY FOR PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION, WON A CLEAR-CUT FIRST-ROUND VICTORY MAY 25 IN A PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION IN THE TARN IN NORTHWEST FRANCE. LIMOUZY POLLED 54.41 PERCENT OF VOTES CAST, AND WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL MAJORITY'S SOLE CANDIDATE. IN THE MARCH 1973 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, LIMOUZY RECEIVED 50.57 PERCENT OF VOTES CAST, WITH AN OPPOSING CENTRIST CANDIDATE CAPTURING 6.81 PERCENT. IN THE SAME ELECTION, THE COMBINED LEFT TOTAL WAS 42.6 PERCENT.

2. DURING THE CAMPAIGN LIMOUZY WISELY KEPT HIS HEAD DOWN AND ALLOWED HIS THREE LEFT OPPONENTS -- FROM THE SOCIALISTS (PS), COMMUNISTS (PCF) AND LEFT RADICALS --

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TO KNOCK EACH OTHER OUT. THE COMBINED LEFT TOTAL ROSE

FROM 42.6 (MARCH 1973) TO 45.5 PERCENT; BUT SOME OF THIS INCREASE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO CENTRIST VOTERS OF THE OLD RADICAL STRIPE WHO, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, STILL OPPOSE GISCARD. ONE IMPORTANT TREND OF LAST FALL'S SIX BY-ELECTIONS WAS CONFIRMED: THE PS INCREASED ITS ELECTORAL SUPPORT FROM 19.20 PERCENT (1973) TO 24 PERCENT, WHILE THE PCF'S TOTAL DROPPED FROM 14.22 PERCENT TO 12.90 PERCENT.

3. SINCE THE PCF SENT FIVE DEPUTIES AND A MEMBER OF ITS POLITICAL BUREAU TO CAMPAIGN FOR ITS CANDIDATE, WHILE THE PS SENT MITTERRAND HIMSELF, THE RESULTS FOR THE LEFT MUST BE DISAPPOINTING. IN ANY EVENT, THE GISCARDIAN MAJORITY CAN TAKE COMFORT IN THIS MOST RECENT REAFFIRMATION OF ELECTORAL SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES.
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